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TO : Chief, Foreign Branch [REDACTED]

16 May 1949

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FROM : Chief of Station [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : General- ADMINISTRATIVE

Specific-Audit Exception Memorandum no. 321,  
dated 31 January 1949

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REFERENCE: [REDACTED]

1. To the best of my knowledge the language lessons referred to in referenced dispatch were taken by the writer. The matter of taking such lessons was discussed with the Chief of FBT shortly before departing Washington, which was on 17 January 1947, and he stated that they could be paid for from station funds. I remember at the time that there was some question as to whether station funds should be used to pay for lessons for clerical personnel, but express permission was given to me as station chief to make this expenditure for myself.

2. From the memorandum enclosed with referenced dispatch it appears that the lessons were accounted for in February, 1947. It is stated that a Headquarters' memorandum of 27 January 1947 required prior approval for such an expenditure. It is probable that this memorandum did not reach [REDACTED] until after the expenditure was made, since mail arrived there very late, and that it was discontinued upon receipt of the instructions.

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3. It is hoped the above will be sufficient explanation of the expenditure.

Chief of Station

cc: 2- Washington

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